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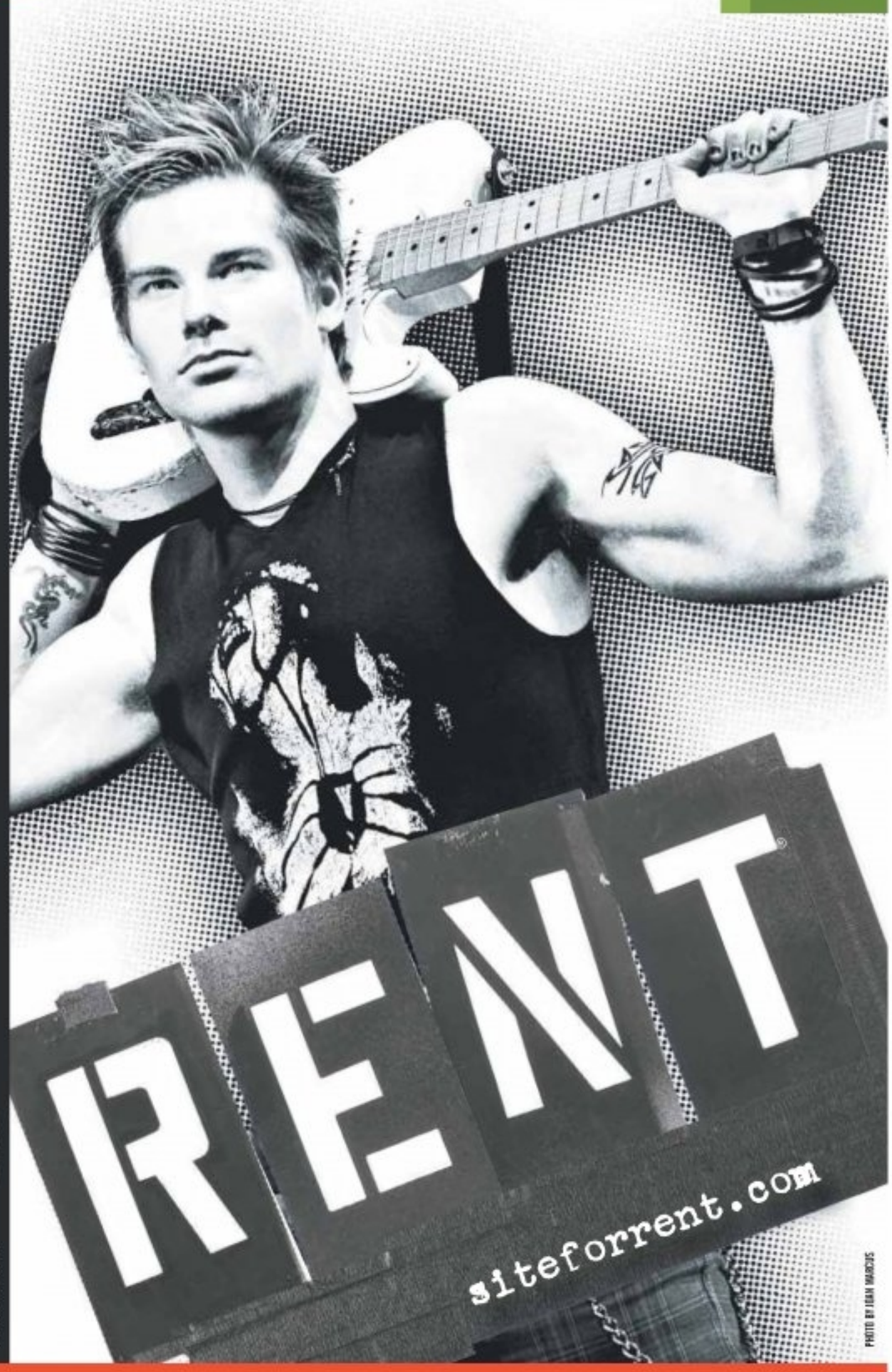

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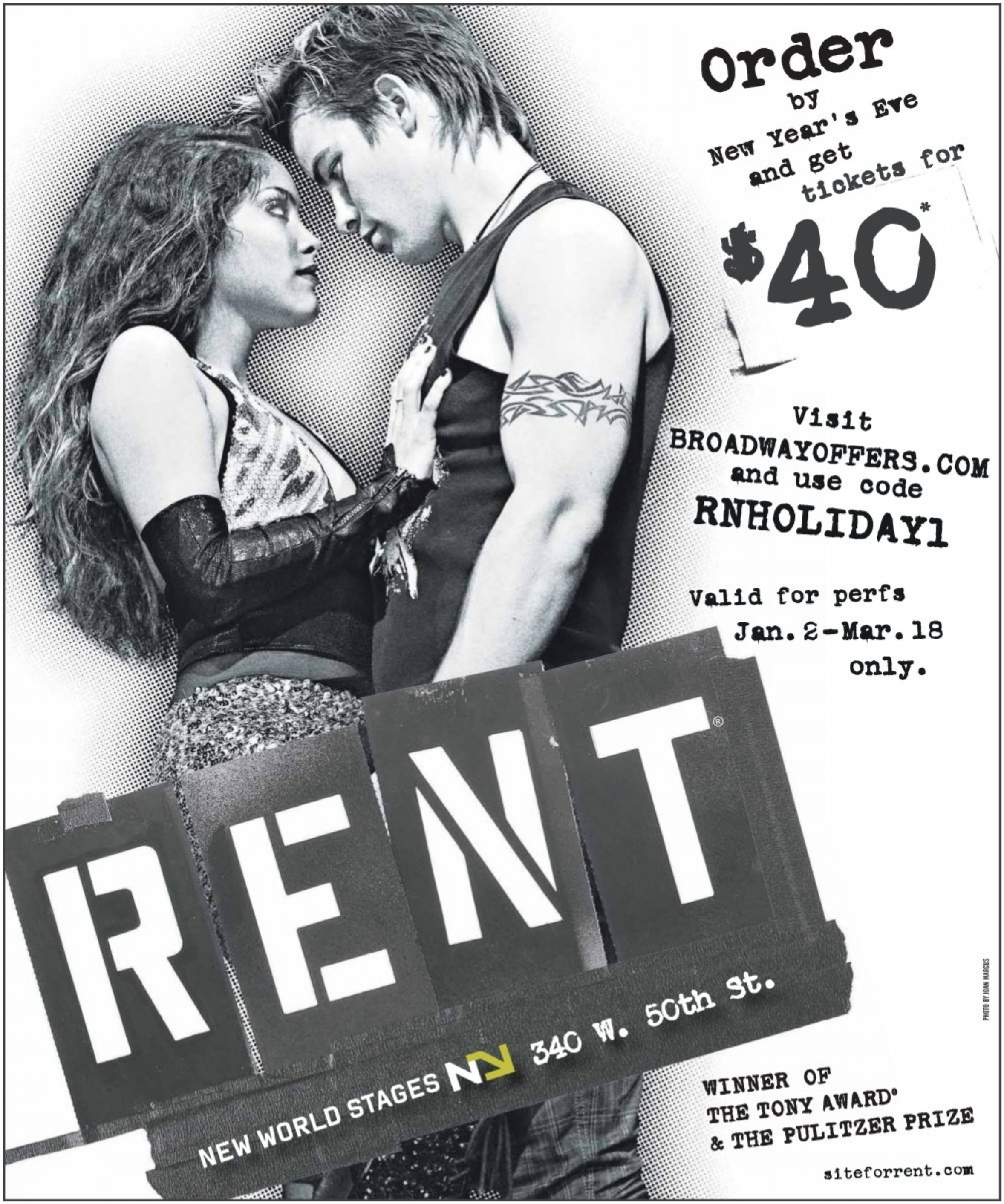
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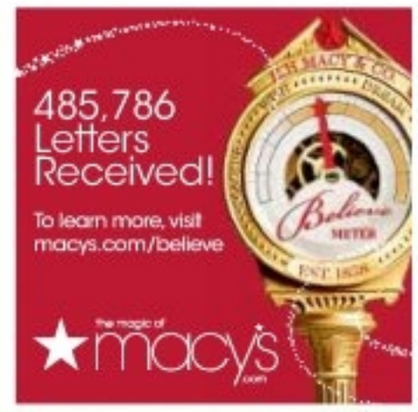

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Food fight churns over letter grades

- Queens state senator plans to pitch bill in Albany making city's food carts subject to same review, grade posting as restaurants
- Eatery owners say it's about time
- Health department issued fewer violations to carts this year than 2010 {page 02}

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NFL. Giants lose

▶ The Packers remained undefeated at 12-0, while the Giants have a huge game next week against the Cowboys.

The Giants came oh-so-close to ending the Packers' quest for a perfect season yesterday. Eli Manning rallied New York to a game-tying touchdown and two-point conversion, but left enough time for a Packers game-winning field goal. {page 23}

News

GOP voters not ready to decide

- Gingrich leads after Cain derailment
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The two rappers get silly with their upcoming movie and soundtrack {page 15}

Fight the SAD spells of winter

As days get shorter, seasonal affective disorder gets stronger {page 17}

Food feud between restaurants, carts

● Restaurant owners say it's unfair food trucks aren't required to have letter grades ● Queens senator vows to make carts post their A's, B's or C's

EMILY ANNE EPSTEIN/METRO

▶ Mohammad Pasha, who runs a food truck in Lower Manhattan, told Metro he would comply with a grading system, although he was unhappy about the prospect of the new regulations.

Restaurant owners want food cart vendors to learn their ABCs — and to post letter grades from the Health Department just like they are mandated.

"I think it's only fair that they be graded like restaurants," said George Constantinou, 35, co-owner of Bogata Latin Bistro in Park Slope. "The public can get sick if they eat at a restaurant, a food cart or even a convenience store."

Vinnie Mazzone, who owns Chicken Masters, a longtime eatery in Sheepshead Bay, agrees.

"Why are they not being embarrassed like we are with these stupid letter grades?" he asked. "If you are cooking, preparing and storing perishable items, there should be a letter grade on your cart. No question about it."

Food trucks are regularly inspected by the Health Department. But city restaurateurs are backing Queens state Sen. Jose Peralta, who plans to introduce a bill this week that would require the Health Department assign letter grades to food carts, letting New Yorkers know where the cleanest carts are — and which to avoid.

Cart owners are split on the idea.

"It's not fair for vendors," said Bangladeshi native Mohammad Pasha, 40. "It makes no sense," he said, of applying the standards of five-star restaurants, which have larger staffs and space, to vendors.

But Rex Velasquez who runs a food cart downtown, called it a good idea. "At least you know if the cart is clean or not," he said.

"I always keep my cart clean, so it doesn't matter to me."

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Citations down

Food cart violations are down this year, according to data from the New York City Health Department:

What goes on inside a cart?

NEW YORK. Making food in a small cart can be dirty, said Lisa Boymann, an instructor in food safety at the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts.

Food vendors are required to complete an eight-hour food-handling course with the Department of Health and are required to have both a food vendor license and a food cart permit.

Vendors must wash hands between touching raw meat and, for example, a pita, and must never put raw food near fresh food, according to city rules. They are also supposed to have sinks with hot and cold running water if they're cooking hot food, along with a wastewater tank and proper ventilation. ● METRO/AB

"Often, the person handling the food is handling the money as well, and we all know how dirty money can be."
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In the news

No more Books in the Hood

The last independently-owned bookstore in the Bronx is closing this month due to financial problems, according to the Daily News. LaVerne Harris, 63, a retired public school teacher, opened Books in the Hood in 2007 and will have a final sale on Dec. 17. ● METRO/EAE

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▶ Smalls, at right.

Scandal grows for principal

BRONX. Education officials are investigating high school principal Sharron Smalls for allegedly giving students chemistry credits for cosmetology courses in a credit-fraud scandal. Angry Jane Addams High School students plastered a photo they pulled from Facebook of their principal grinding with a bare-chested man all over the school in an effort to retaliate against her. ● METRO/EAE

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Witness: Buggy horse collapsed

A carriage horse collapsed near Central Park just after 4 p.m. yesterday, an eyewitness at the scene told Metro.

"I saw the horse on the ground," Upper West Side veterinarian Mary Xanthos said. "A lot of people were around the horse trying to help him get up."

Xanthos is a member of Win Animal Rights, a group that regularly protests the use of animals to pull tourist-laden carriages.

The white horse was able to stand up and walk away after about a minute lying on 59th Street, she said. "Once he was on his feet, he seemed to be able to walk OK," Xanthos said.

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▶The collapsed horse

The ASPCA and NYPD did not confirm her claim that the horse collapsed. Since the highly publicized death of a carriage horse last month, which collapsed on a Midtown street, a growing number of groups are calling to ban the city tradition.

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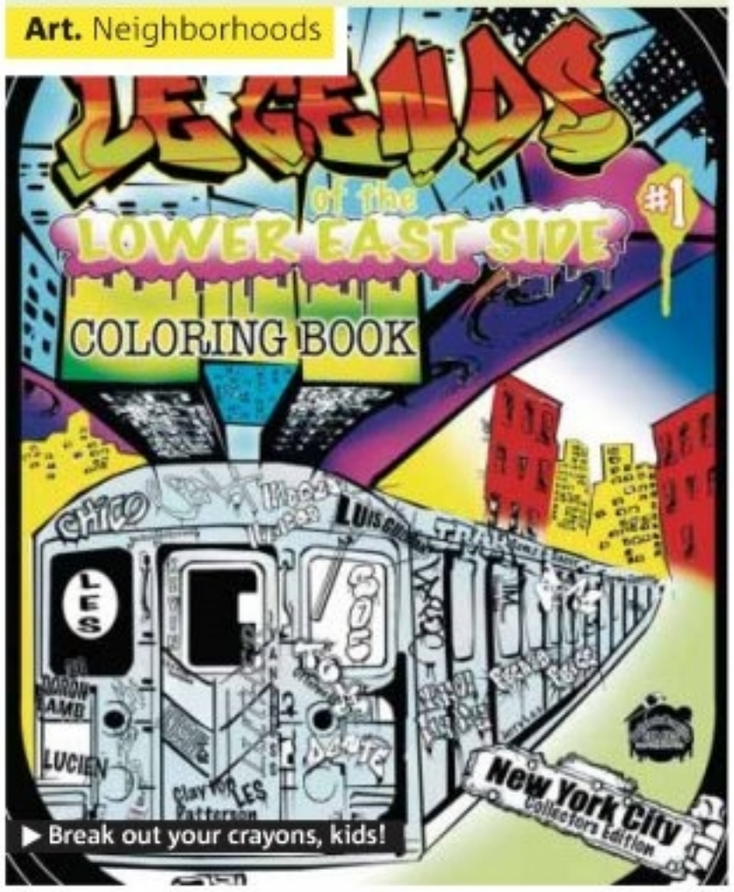

▶Break out your crayons, kids!

Coloring in the LES

The Lower East Side is about to get even more colorful, thanks to local artists Clayton Patterson, Troy Harris and Orlando Bonilla, who penned a coloring book about the neighborhood. METRO/EAE

LIRR unveils quiet cars on Far Rockaway line

LONG ISLAND. The LIRR is launching a new "Quiet Car" pilot program on select trains beginning today. As part of the pilot program four morning and six evening rush hour trains on the Far Rockaway line will have a designated quiet car. Customers will be able to chat in the cars, but only in "subdued voices," officials said. Riders seeking quiet can hop on the last car of the a.m.-peak trains or the first car on p.m.-peak trains. METRO/EAE

"Many of our customers have asked for some relief from the noise."
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Ousted Occupiers vow hunger strike

DUARTE PARK. A handful of Occupy Wall Street members are vowing a hunger strike until the movement has secured a new home for their encampment. Three strikers began their fast at Duarte Park at Sixth Avenue and Canal Street on Saturday, but were arrested for trespassing in a privately-owned section of the park yesterday afternoon. METRO/EAE

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Food and warm coats top this Christmas list

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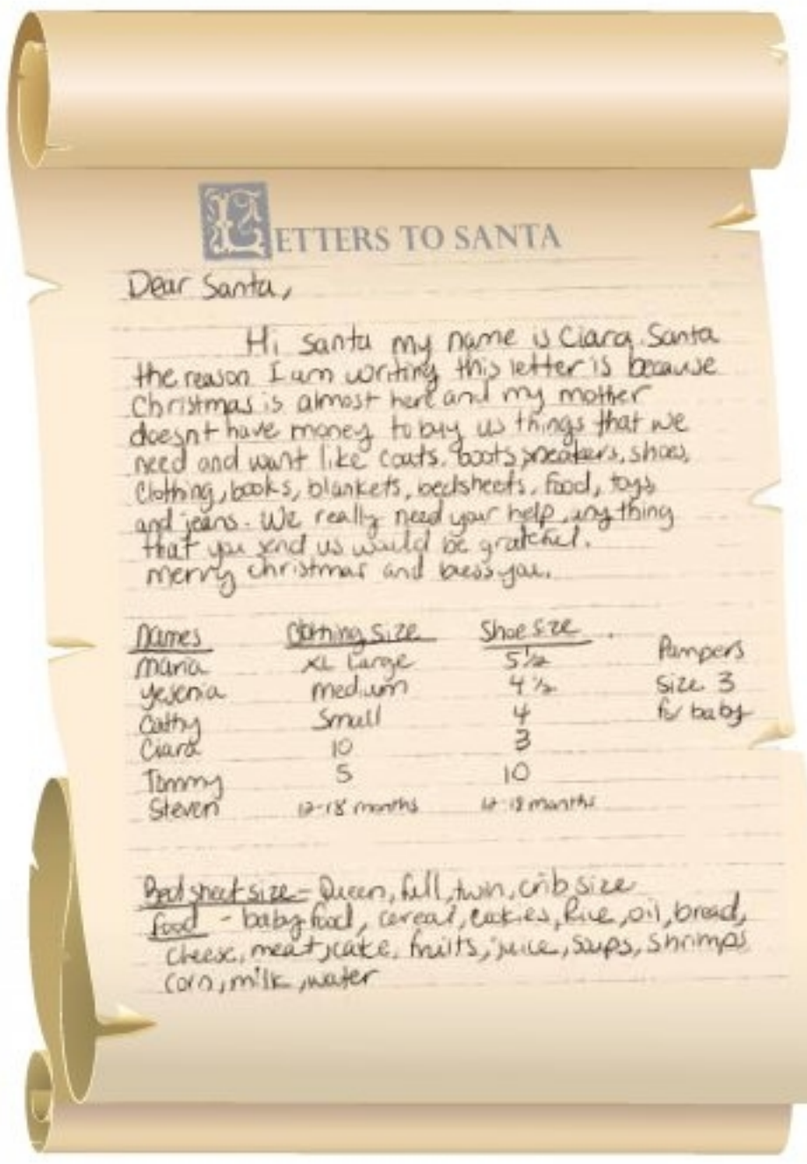
▶ Toys are piling up!

Ciara is a little girl who lives in Washington Heights and, unlike most kids, she's asking for a lot more than just toys this year for Christmas.

As you can see, winter coats, blankets, baby food and diapers for her baby brothers are on Ciara's wish list. While Metro isn't collecting food or household items for New York City families in need, we are asking our readers to help out in a different way: Please give a toy this year to Ciara and her siblings. A bicycle, a sparkly pink t-shirt, an arts and crafts kit or even a simple doll can bring a smile to Ciara's face — and we think that's what she deserves this Christmas.



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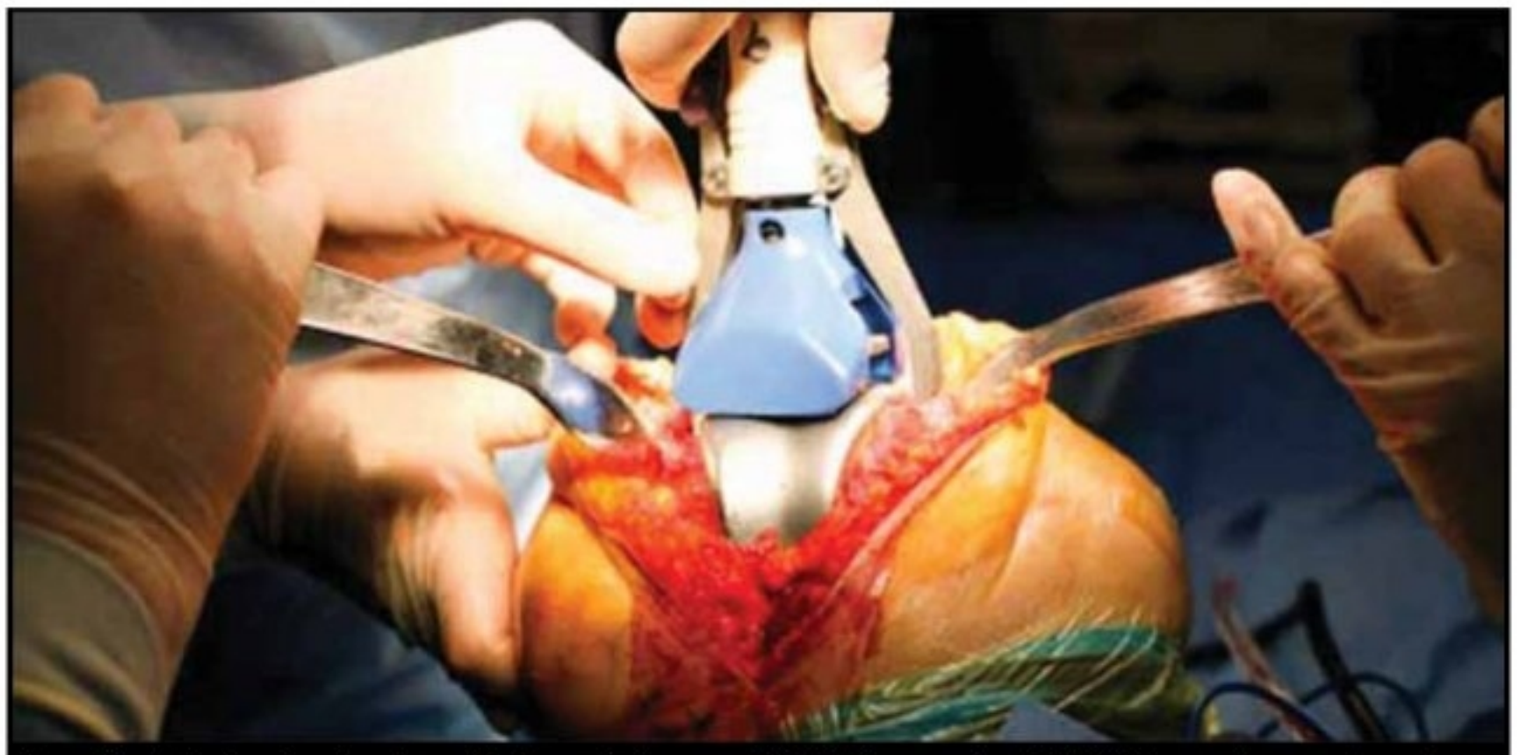

According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), there are about 270,000 knee replacement operations performed each year in the United States. This image depicts the procedure.

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Today, the average American lives about 30 years longer than they would have a hundred years ago. However, the age of premature wear and tear to knee joints is occurring at an alarming rate (half of all anti-inflammatory drug prescriptions written in the U.S. are for joint pain). Most patients treated are getting younger and younger. We're noticing that even busy executives have extremely active lifestyles. Between stressful deadlines, caring for families, and participating in excercise and sports, they're actually grinding their joints away. And sometimes, it goes unnoticed until it's too late.

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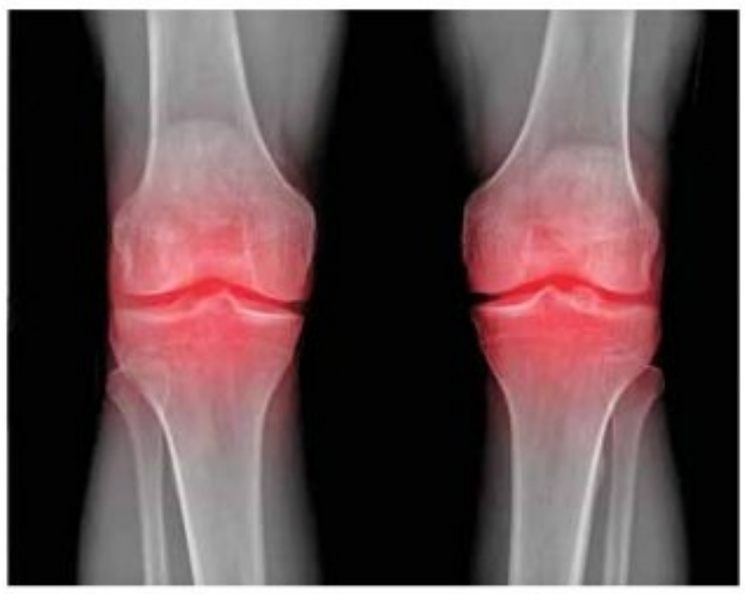

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Police: Man opened fire on city bus

A Queens man is awaiting trial after police say he opened fire onto a crowded city bus Friday, only minutes after he allegedly gunned down his girlfriend's 18-year-old son in his apartment.

Damel Burton, 34, boarded the Q111 bus in Jamaica at 4 p.m. and began firing at passengers, said police. Marvin Gilkes, 36, who worked at a nearby Home Depot, was hit in the back of the head as he was chatting on his cellphone near the back of the bus, according to the New York Post. He died instantly.

Another passenger, Jojuan Lipsey, 29, was struck by a bullet as he sat in the front of the bus, reports the Post. He stumbled onto the sidewalk and was rushed to Jamaica Hospital.

Burton boarded the bus after he got into a dispute with his girlfriend's live-in son only minutes before. Burton fatally shot Keith Murrell, 18, said police.

'Disturbing'

"These shootings are particularly disturbing for having exploded during an otherwise routine afternoon bus ride," said Queens DA Richard Brown.

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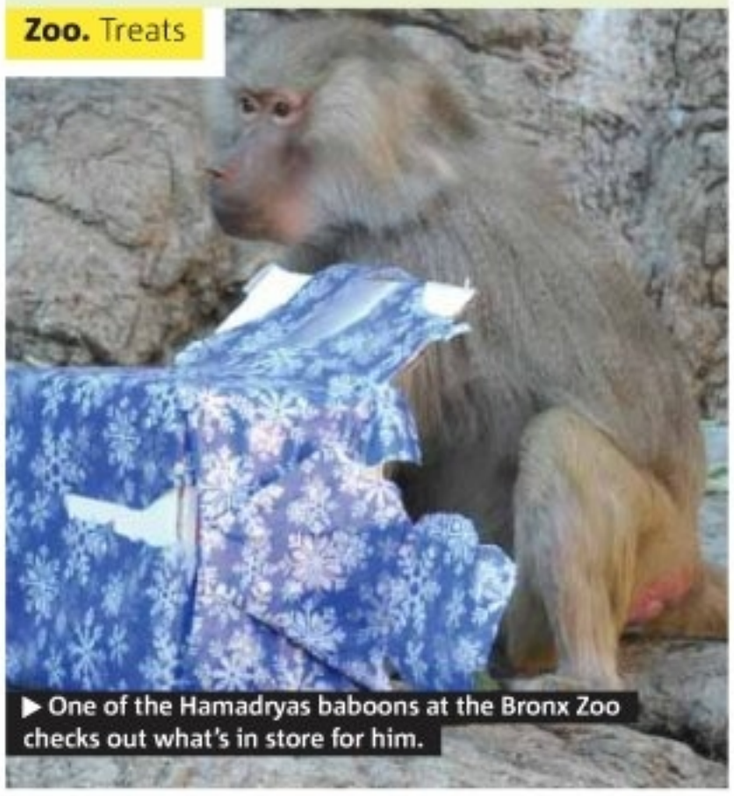

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Newt Gingrich pays a visit to Staten Island

STATEN ISLAND. Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich paid Staten Island a visit during the weekend. The GOP front-runner spoke to about 800 people at a Tea Party-sponsored town hall meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomfield on Saturday. After making his speech, the former House speaker signed copies of his most recent book before departing for a Fox News debate with his GOP rivals. METRO/EAE

"Barack Obama is the best food stamp president in American history."
GINGRICH

Gillibrand cracks down on illegal guns

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand announced yesterday that she's backing a bill that will crack down on corrupt gun dealers and the flow of illegal weapons into New York. She plans to introduce the Gun Trafficking Prevention Act this week, which would increase jail time and financial penalties on the distributors on illegal guns. METRO/EAE

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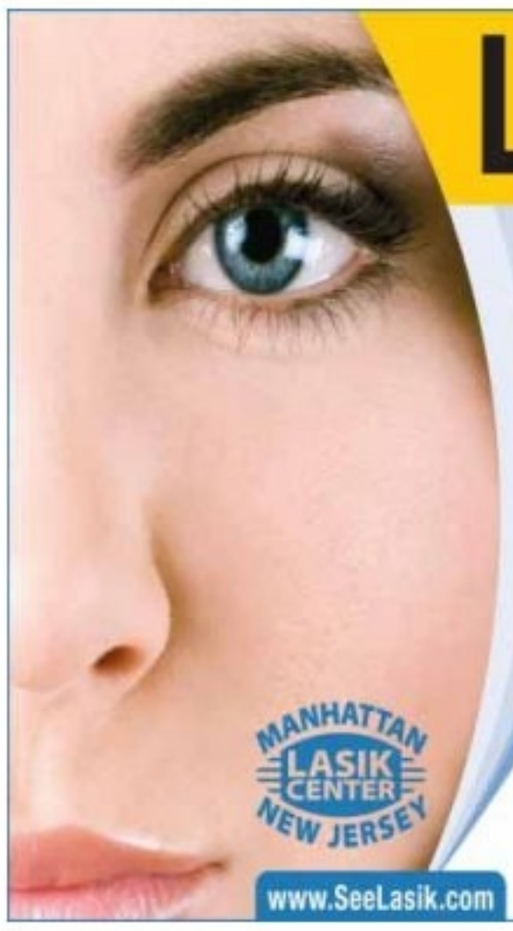

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Gangsters with golden hearts?

In Japan, samurais in suits with gangland tattoos wield power in the boardroom Metro looks at the alleged philanthropy of Japan's famous crime syndicate

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▶ All heart, see?

Japan's crime syndicates, the yakuza, are pictured as nine-fingered killers wielding nunchaku, covered with elaborate full-body tattoos. To be more precise, these gangsters can gamble on the financial market better than Wall Street brokers, or deliver aid to populations in need more efficiently than the Red Cross itself.

The yakuza were reportedly the first to react to Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami last March; in the disaster's immediate aftermath, they dispatched at least 70 trucks loaded with supplies worth more than $500,000, according to Jake Adelstein, a well-known crime reporter in Japan. They like to refer to think about themselves as *ninkyo dantai* — or "humanitarian groups."

"They are always in place when a disaster happens," Adelstein tells Metro. "Since Japan is in a hurry to reconstruct, eliminating organized crime elements from reconstruction and waste disposal is simply not possible."

Given their strict "code of conduct," forbidding its members from street crimes, prostitution and big heists, yakuza gangsters have traditionally been tolerated by Japanese society.

"Japan always has had a philosophy of containment rather than punishment."
KAPLAN

"There's a general acceptance towards yakuza as institutions," explains David Kaplan, author of "Yakuza: Japan's Criminal Underworld."

Recent reports, however, have emerged that financial brokers who helped disgraced electronics group Olympus hide years of investment losses have links to the yakuza.

For these mobsters, helping the population is partly about living up to the code of honor they profess, partly to get a chunk in the big business of reconstruction.

As Kaplan points out, "Yakuza is the most entrepreneurial class in Japan, as well as the most adaptable one." As they say, they are the next Goldman Sachs — but with guns.

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Yakuza FAQ

There's no one Yakuza
The Japanese mafia is made of 22 fraternal organizations with 86,000 members. The largest one, Yamaguchi-gumi, employs 40,000 people.

Like the Rotary Club?
Yakuza are no secret gangs. Books, comics, movies and fanzines about the yakuza are useful as recruitment tools.

Joining ritual
Wannabes have to pay a fee, often finding the money through violent crimes despite the group's code of conduct. Members cut off fingers as a sign of loyalty.

Sickness in ink
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Corum	$3,000	LeCourlte	$6,000	Musical Watches	$37,500
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'Newtmentum' as Iowans nominate

Tide continues to turn for Republican presidential hopefuls ◐ Cain's departure good for Gingrich, bad for Romney ◐ Many remain undecided

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▶ A supporter of Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich wears a campaign button at a town hall meeting in New York.

A surge in support for Republican White House hopeful Newt Gingrich has made him the new front-runner in Iowa, which holds the first of next year's presidential nominating contests, according to a closely watched opinion poll published at the weekend.

Gingrich, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, has support from 25 percent of likely Republican caucus-goers, up from just 7 percent in late October, the poll conducted for The Des Moines Register newspaper found.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney finished second and third, with support at 18 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Support for Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and former pizza magnate Herman Cain, who dropped out of the race on Saturday, was tied at 8 percent.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum each drew 6 percent, and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman rounded out the field at 2 percent.

The Iowa caucuses, set for Jan. 3, kick off the state-by-state contests to choose the party presidential nominee who will challenge Democratic President Barack Obama in the November 2012 election.

Gingrich just this week opened a campaign office in Iowa and has rehired staff, including two campaign advisers who had resigned in June.

"We've got some Newtmentum going for us here," said Gingrich campaign spokesman R.C. Hammond. REUTERS

22%
The latest Iowa Poll shows less support for Romney, who had 22 percent in late October. Iowa has a large bloc of conservative voters distrustful of his past policy.

60% **However, 60 percent of Republicans likely to participate in a caucus said they are still willing to change their mind.**

Cain quits but some not ready to let go

URBANDALE, IOWA. Republican hopeful Herman Cain's decision to pull out of the presidential race on Saturday brought Iowa resident Patti Spencer Burdette to tears.

"I always thought we were going for the win," the 56-year-old Des Moines woman said. "I've been preaching the gospel of Herman Cain."

Spencer Burdette was among the handful of Cain volunteers who showed up at his headquarters following the candidate's announcement 900 hundred miles away in Atlanta.

Rumors of the campaign's demise had been flying fast following accusations of sexual misconduct and stumbles on the trail.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook with people outraged that the media pushed him out," said Steven Hensler, the campaign's phone bank director in Iowa. REUTERS

"We're still going to try to get him on the ballot." HENSLER

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▶ U.S. predator drone

US: Iran drone hit unclear

TEHRAN. Iranian media reported yesterday that their country's military had shot down a U.S. reconnaissance drone in eastern Iran, but a U.S. official said there was no indication the aircraft had been shot down.

NATO's U.S.-led mission in neighboring Afghanistan said the Iranian report could refer to an unarmed U.S. spy drone that went missing there last week. REUTERS

Regret for Pakistan

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama yesterday called Pakistan's president to offer condolences over a NATO air strike that killed 24 Pakistani troops and provoked a crisis in relations between the two countries. Obama told President Asif Ali Zardari that the soldiers' deaths were "regrettable" and accidental. REUTERS

China pledge unconvincing

DURBAN. The United States is sceptical that China's comments it could support a legally binding deal to cut its own greenhouse gas emissions marked a breakthrough in troubled climate talks, an Obama administration official said yesterday.

"I don't think China is looking to sign up for legal obligations," the official told reporters. REUTERS

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Last chance to make pick

This week is your last chance to nominate a winner of Metro's Man and Woman of the year event. In next Monday's Metro we'll be producing a final shortlist of three in each category from the hundreds of nominations sent in by readers in the last two weeks.

As expected, we've had groups of people, as well as individuals, nominated this year; if necessary, the shortlist will reflect that.

For the Man of the Year, Steve Jobs has had the most individual nominations; for Woman of the Year, Gabrielle Giffords, Hillary Clinton and Kim Kardashian were repeatedly supported.

But we also got a lot of nominations for Navy SEAL Team 6, who killed Osama bin Laden and, inevitably, for the 99 percent/Occupy movement.

Nominations will be accepted up until 5 p.m. on Dec. 9.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Brooke Mueller is busted — again

It was a slow weekend for celebrities behaving badly, but luckily for gossip columnists everywhere, **Brooke Mueller** still can't get her act together. That lady parties more than most Hollywood celebs combined.

The latest indiscretions of **Charlie Sheen**'s ex? After a wild Friday night, she was arrested in Aspen on assault and drug charges, according to People magazine. (Why always Aspen? Doesn't she ever just go skiing out there?) The mother of two and frequent rehab resident was picked up at the nightclub Escobar after another female patron complained to police about an altercation. "Mueller was arrested and charged with assault in the third degree and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute," an Aspen police official says. "Mueller posted bond of $11,000 and was released with a district court date of Dec. 19, 2011."

PHOTO BY ASPEN POLICE DEPARTMENT VIA GETTY IMAGES

▶ Brooke Mueller's latest mugshot comes after she was arrested and charged with assault and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

This was Mueller's second arrest for cocaine possession. In July, she had just finished a 30-day rehab session.

Although this seems like not-so-huge news, be prepared for a Sheen media onslaught this week, as Mueller has custody of their children. And just when you thought you'd get through the year without hearing from him again.

Cooper doesn't respect the 'Sexiest' title

Bradley Cooper doesn't necessarily enjoy being the Sexiest Man Alive, a title bestowed upon him by People magazine. "It's been a weird couple of weeks. I did originally laugh and then I just started crying," Cooper tells British website OMG. "I guess it's a bit of a joke. I hope that it won't change things," he adds.

In fact, while other actors might see the title as an achievement, Cooper is worried it might become something of an impediment to his acting. "I'm glad it doesn't detract from my work. I hope it doesn't," he says. "It would be unfortunate if it did because I'm not really that guy at all."

Totally understandable, Bradley Cooper, you serious actor, you. Let's all hope being called out as "sexy" doesn't keep you from getting that Oscar nomination for your heart-wrenching portrayal in "The Hangover: Part 2."

Bradley Cooper

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Talking points

Clooney gets spy happy

Being hounded by paparazzi for years has inspired **George Clooney**'s latest initiative, Satellite Sentinel Project, a satellite system for tracking human rights violations. "There's a satellite up there that's looking at my house right now. You can Google Earth me, but you can't watch these [warlords]. Why not?" Clooney tells the L.A. Times magazine. "It's spying if it's a country. It's spying if it's the United Nations, maybe. But what if I'm a paparazzo with a lens 400 miles up? How is that spying? I'm just a tourist taking pictures and putting it on the Web."

Jessica Simpson

Simpson doesn't know what she's having

While she's previously used male pronouns while discussing her unborn child, **Jessica Simpson** admits she doesn't really know what it's going to be. "I think it's a girl, but I don't know yet," Simpson says, according to Hollyscoop, though her fiance, **Eric Johnson**, disagrees: "I think it's a boy. We're pretty much at a standstill there," he says. "I don't think we can wait. Jessica is too honest about everything, she needs to know. I don't think she can hold that secret to herself."

Spears goes skating

Britney Spears celebrated her 30th birthday last Friday by strapping on skates and going ice skating with boyfriend **Jason Trawick**, according to Us Weekly. The singer took a break from the current South American leg of her tour with a quick trip to a rink in Houston, Texas. The couple were all smiles on the ice.

Jolie gets sued

Angelina Jolie's directorial debut, "In the Land of Blood and Honey," is hitting a bit of a roadblock on its way to theaters, as journalist and author **James J. Braddock** is accusing Jolie of ripping off the film's plot from an article he wrote in 2007, according to Radar Online. The film tells the fictional love story of a Serbian soldier and Muslim woman during the 1992 Bosnian War. Braddock has reportedly filed suit against Jolie and the film's production company, and is seeking damages.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

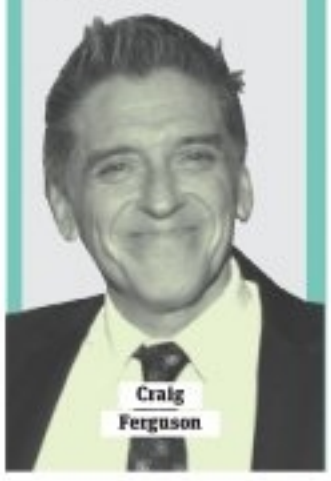
Craig Ferguson isn't going to be in pictures, Katy Perry is amazed at the stories written about her, Steve Martin is getting philosophical and Joan Rivers is still giving Winona Ryder a hard time.

▶ **@craigyferg:** Playboy interviewed me but rejected my pictorial. Probably for the best

▶ **@katyperry:** First I'm pregnant & then I'm divorced. What am I All My Children?!

▶ **@SteveMartin ToGo:** Life is just a series of Tweets.

▶ **@Joan_Rivers:** Hey, Winona Ryder (she follows me on Twitter), just a reminder: There are only 21 more shoplifting days left til Christmas.



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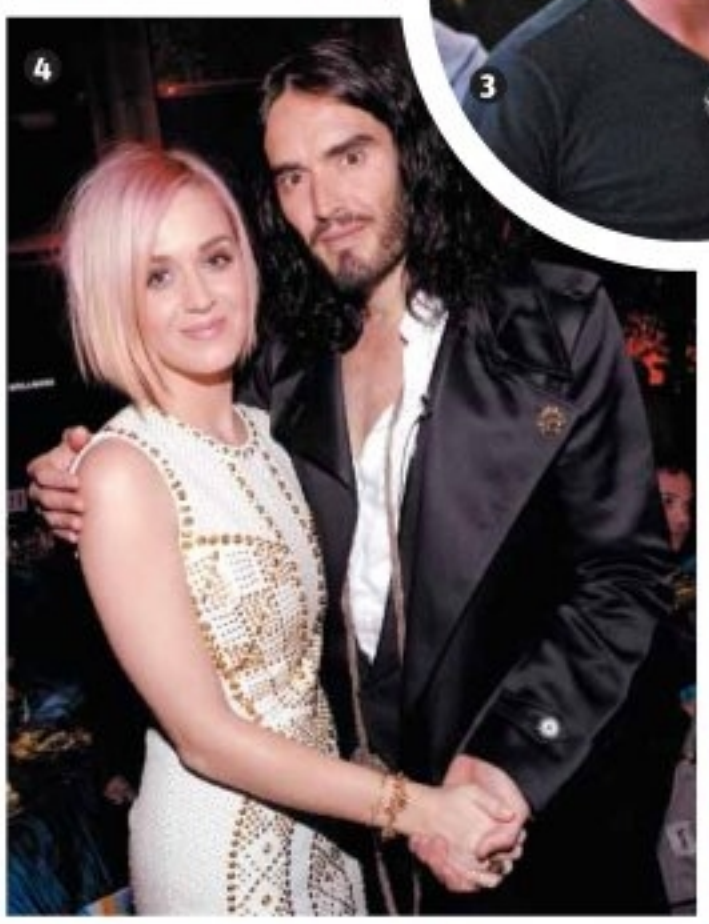

1. Mos Def performed with Black Star at Best Buy Theater on Saturday in New York City.

2. Rapper Flo Rida performed at KIIS FM's Jingle Ball at L.A. Live's Nokia Theatre on Saturday in Los Angeles.

3. David Beckham was swamped by fans and paparazzi when he arrived ahead of the L.A. Galaxy vs. Melbourne Victory Game at Melbourne Airport on Sunday in Australia.

4. Katy Perry and husband Russell Brand attended the third annual "Change Begins Within" Benefit Celebration presented by The David Lynch Foundation held at LACMA on Saturday in Los Angeles.

5. Taylor Swift and Nicki Minaj attended the Billboard's Sixth Annual Women in Music event at the Capitale on Friday in New York City.

6. Daphne Guiness attended a world premiere preview of "Marina Abramovic The Artist Is Present" at Soho Beach House on Thursday in Miami.

7. Angelina Jolie and daughter Shiloh Jolie-Pitt were spotted Saturday night in New York City.

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Wiz Khalifa gets schooled by Snoop Dogg

▶ In the film version, Khalifa, right, plays the valedictorian struggling to write a graduation speech — and when he realizes he has spent all of his time studying and none hanging out, he finds inspiration in the worst student at the high school, who of course is played by Snoop.

Wiz Khalifa is having a good 2011. This year saw the Pittsburgh native with a constant stream of achievements. His single "Black And Yellow" hit No. 1, he has sold out tours and he finished up the year with two Grammy nods. Now he's teaming up with friend and mentor Snoop Dogg for "Mac and Devin Go To High School," a new stoner comedy and joint album (heh heh) that will serve as the soundtrack. While the film has no official release date, the album drops next Tuesday. To spread the word, Wiz and Snoop hit the road with a mini tour which kicks off with a sold-out show at Terminal 5 tonight. Khalifa chatted with Metro about the project.

How was it to work on "Mac and Devin" with Snoop?
It's a dream come true to be able to work with Snoop. It just came together so naturally. It's like your O.G. just saying, "Yeah, you can come hang out with me." It worked for both of us. We're both inspired by each other. We wanted to do the movie and the soundtrack so that everyone else could have as much fun as we do.

With the serious tone that we have been seeing in the world lately, do you think there is room for that fun vibe?
Absolutely. At the end of the day, people want to be able to experience everything. You can't just wake up and be business all day. You can't be rock 'n' roll all day either. You have to slow it down and take it to different zones.

In the movie your character comes out of his shell. Does that mimic your real life?
Not really. [Laughs] I think the movie shows a different side of me though. The less braggadocious side. The calm me that I really was in high school. Not as nerdy or dorky.

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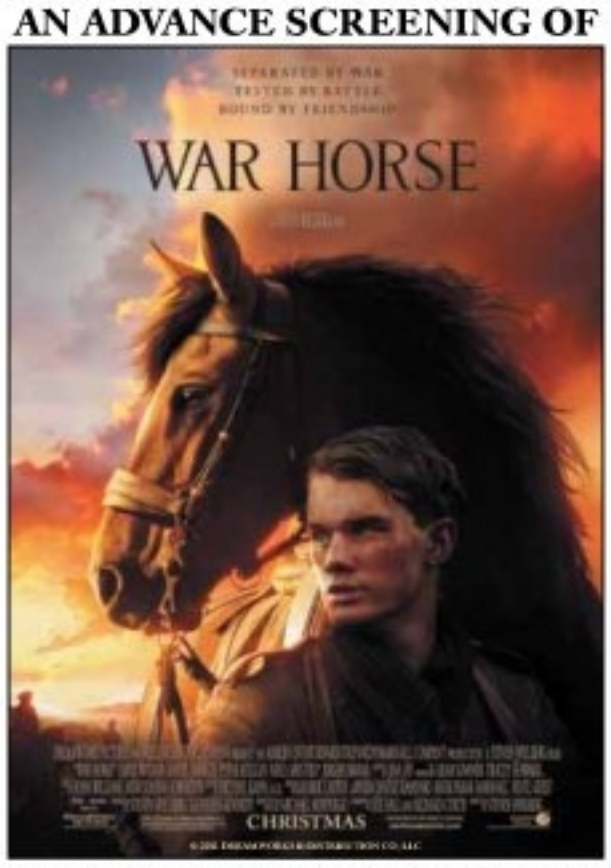

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TV watch list

'The Closer'

DRAMA. It's a not-so-merry holiday for a Christmas Village Santa Claus who is killed while zip-lining into a chimney. Maybe he should have stuck to the sliding-down routine. Fred Willard guest stars as a bad Santa/murder suspect in the 100th episode of the series. **9 p.m., TNT**

'The Mortified Sessions'

COMEDY. Go ahead, laugh (and cry a little) at those embarrassing pictures and terrible diary entries of your middle school years. Famous folks like Ed Helms are doing the same thing on this series celebrating moments of awkward youth. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., Sundance Channel**

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▶ Brenda and her team investigate a Santacide on the 100th episode of "The Closer."

'American Country Awards'

SPECIAL. Not to be confused with the recent CMA Awards, this country-fried fete hands out trophies to artists based on viewer's votes. Trace Adkins and Kristin Chenoweth host. **8 p.m., Fox**

'The Sing-Off'

REALITY. Vocal groups from all three seasons of the reality competition perform holiday songs. You know, kind of like your neighborhood tree-lighting ceremony, but in tune. **8 p.m., NBC**

AMBER RAY

Box office

$16.9M for 'Breaking Dawn' earns No. 1 at slow box office

Three weeks into its release, "Breaking Dawn" remained at the top of a listless box office this weekend, taking in an estimated $16.9 million. While box-office watchers had expected Disney's "The Muppets" to ascend to box-office supremacy, the PG-rated puppet film took in only $11.2 million.

It was a typically bleak post-Thanksgiving weekend at the cineplex. With no major movies opening, the domestic market was down 6 percent compared to the same time last year. The bright spot was among specialty films: Fox Searchlight's NC-17 "Shame" opened to an estimated $372,000 at 10 locations. **REUTERS**

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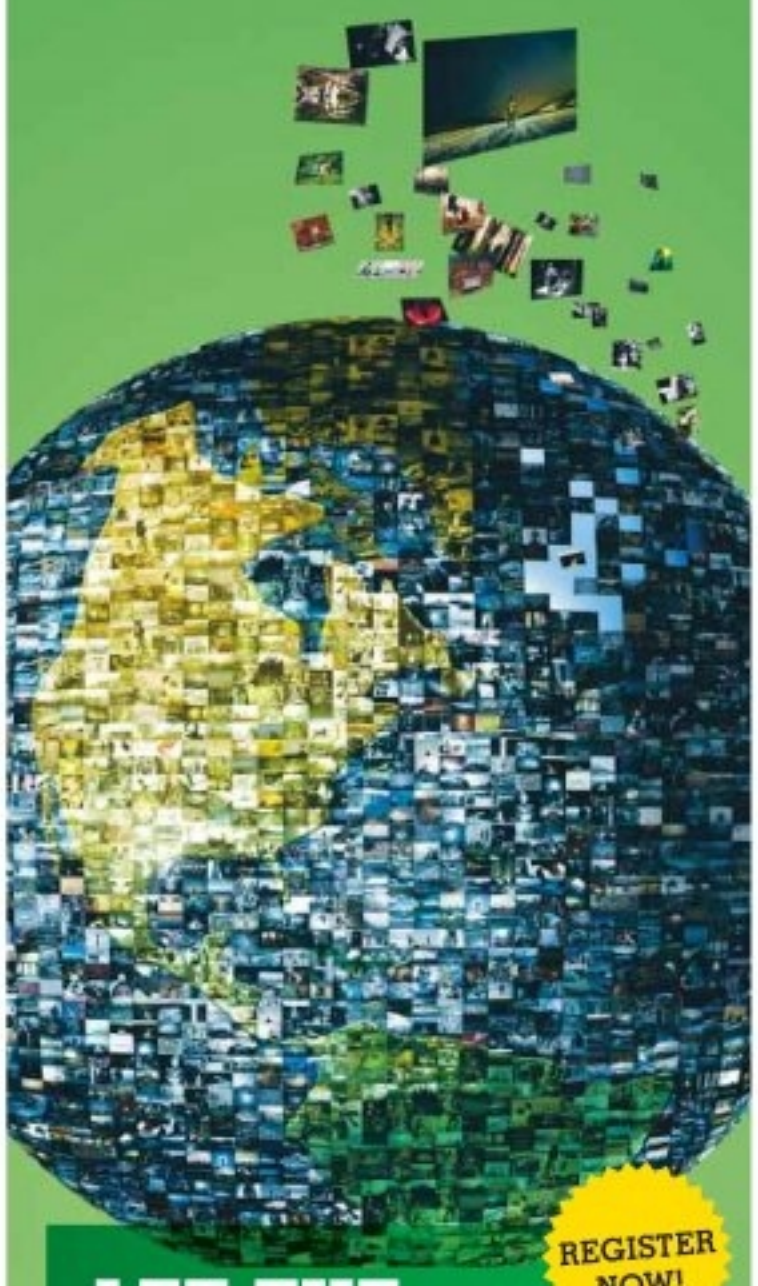

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Feeling SAD? It's not your fault

Blame the lack of daylight for your seasonal affective disorder Yes, it's real How to fight it

What if someone told you that seasonal affective disorder isn't a disorder at all, but a natural seasonal reaction? SAD happens when we ignore our inherent inclination to hibernate during the winter; it's characterized by sleepiness, lack of energy, weight gain and sometimes depression. But that knowledge doesn't help SAD sufferers.

"Telling someone that the reason they can't get out of bed in the morning is because of some ancestral inclination isn't really going to help them when they're trying to keep their job," says Dr. Norman Rosenthal, a psychiatrist and author of "Winter Blues: Everything You Need to Know to Beat Seasonal Affective Disorder."

Rosenthal blogs on his website (www.normanrosenthal.com) about SAD, a condition triggered by a lack of sunlight that slows the brain's production of invigorating serotonin and increases sleep-inducing melatonin. If your working life prevents you from getting adequate amounts of daylight, a tactic proven to help is sitting with natural spectrum lights, such as Verilux's HappyLight, for 10 to 90 minutes a day.

"I'm sitting in front of mine now," says Dr. Rosenthal. "People find huge benefit in [using one] to function and treat symptoms of SAD. It gives a boost to carry you through the day."

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▶ Light therapy can help combat seasonal affective disorder.

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Dr. Rosenthal's tips for avoiding the holiday blues

1 **Redefine the holidays as a joyful time.** Don't feel obligated to pursue unpleasant or overwhelming activities simply because they have always been the thing to do.

2 **Go online.** If Christmas shopping and writing cards is more than you can handle, use the Internet.

3 **If you are feeling lonely or disadvantaged, volunteering can be a good way to restore a sense of proportion to your situation — and help others at the same time.** Counting one's blessings and helping those who are less fortunate are two ways of bringing happiness.

4 **Enjoy those aspects of the season, and your own mind and body, that cost nothing.** Walk outside on a bright winter day and enjoy the special beauty of nature in the winter; exercise and meditate. How wonderful to think that our own bodies and minds can provide us with remedies for the holiday blues — and so many other afflictions of the spirit.

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▶ Year-end reviews aren't just for managers: Take some time to assess your 2011.

The holiday season is a slow period around many offices, and you should use the downtime to your advantage by putting some serious thought into where your career has landed this year, as well as where you want to go in the future.

Your first step is to take a fresh look at previous goals. These can be performance-related goals you set with your manager, or goals set on your own at the end of last year. Note if you were able to achieve these goals, or if ongoing work is required. Assess whether all of the goals are still valid, or if any should be changed in anticipation of the new year.

A related activity is to document contributions made to your organization. Quantify, as specifically as possible, how your actions impacted the company's bottom line, and why the company is better off because you work there. Also, brainstorm transferable skills — or skills that cut across a wide variety of roles and industries (project management, client relations, sales, marketing, finance, etc.) — that you mastered or honed this year. Update your resume and online profiles with this new information.

Then, think about the next phase of your career. What would like to learn in 2012, and on what type of work would you like to focus? Where would you like your career to be in five years, and how can you get there most efficiently? As you consider these issues, tap your manager or a trusted mentor for feedback.

Finally, congratulate yourself on a job well done. This was not the easiest year for American workers, and you are still standing!

*– **Alexandra Levit** is the author of "Blind Spots: The 10 Business Myths You Can't Afford to Believe on Your New Path to Success."*

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▶ It's not really about who was naughty or nice.

Will Santa be visiting your office?

When your job security is already on shaky ground, hinting at end-of-year bonuses in front of your boss may not be the best bet. "For some companies, the economy is still dicey. For those that will give bonuses, the amounts will be all over the place," says Michael Galey, an attorney in the Philadelphia office of Fisher & Phillips, a national firm that represents employers.

Keep in mind that a bonus is just that: a little something extra that companies provide if they can. Your padded paycheck depends on you company's financial ability. "As owner of Between the Bread I have held back on giving bonuses for the past two years, and unfortunately am not planning on giving bonuses this year either," says Ricky Eisen of this year's situation at his Manhattan catering company. "The extremely difficult economic climate has necessitated the constant weighing and shifting of priorities and prompts questions like, 'Do we keep all of our staff employed? Do we let some go, and give modest bonuses to the remaining employees? Do we hold onto the cash we accrued over the year? Or do we give the cash as bonuses?'"

On the other hand, a study developed by Robert Half International polled 1,250 senior executives employed at firms that gave bonuses last year, and found that of those interviewed, 30 percent expected to give even bigger bonuses than they did last year. JULIA WEST

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Careers spotlight: Speech pathology

Speech pathologists help a wide range of patients communicate What's rewarding about the field

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Speech pathologists help others find their voices.

Ami Vandine spent 10 years as a graphic designer before making the switch to health care and enrolling in La Salle University's speech-language-hearing science program. Currently, she works on-site at five locations, aiding children with learning disabilities, such as autism, and developmental difficulties.

What made you decide to leave graphic design for speech pathology?

I was craving something that would make a difference in even just one person's life. Whether I helped an adult who suffered a stroke regain communication skills and remain an active participant in the community or I helped a child with autism find an alternative means of communicating wants or needs — well then, I have lived a life of purpose.

What do you find most rewarding?

Giving a voice to those who don't have it. I love making a difference.

What do you wish people would be more aware of?

I often find that when I'm working with my patients, there tends to be a lack of awareness in the community of the various social, communicative or cognitive disorders that are out there.

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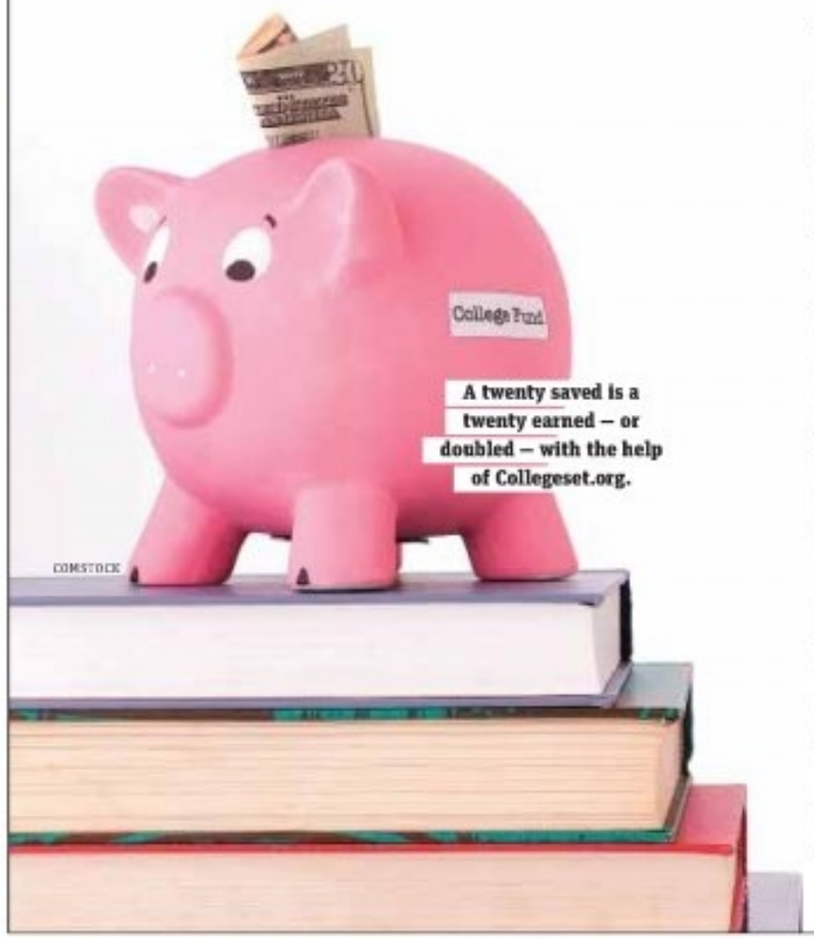

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The fine art of business

Painting majors and financial whizzes don't ordinarily share a lot of classrooms But these schools are bridging the gap between the artists and the MBAs

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How about some business sense with that painting degree?

On most campuses, business and art students rarely sit in the same classroom. Just take a look at any campus map: The business school is usually about as far away from the fine arts building as possible. But there is a new trend emerging, as many in higher education now envision MBAs, painters, accountants, actors and musicians learning side by side. Here are three groundbreaking programs that bridge the gap between art and business.

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Philadelphia University

The program: "Building a 'Business Bridge' for your art — all summer long"

PhilaU offers a summer program that many talented visual artists are gladly sacrificing their summer vacation to attend. "Business Bridge" is only open to juniors and seniors with a minimal 3.0 GPA. The program has four two-week tracks: marketing and management, statistics and operations, creating business models and financial planning. The program is geared toward graphic designers and practical visual design fields.

Wake Forest University

The course: "16 students v. New York City: How to Break Into the Big Apple"

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The Juilliard School and Fordham University

The course: "How to be a virtuosic genius — and get paid for it! 101"

Over the last two years, New York's Fordham University has partnered with The Juilliard School to bring business and art students together. Led by Bill Baker, the former president of Channel 13 (New York Public Media), the class is intended to give conservatory artists a window into the politics and funding behind fine art in the United States.

"The idea is to give these genius, virtuoso students a better understanding of the world they are entering in which music and art is becoming more of a commodity," says Baker. "[It's] not only their great talent that counts, but the ability to be an entrepreneur and promote their skills in different ways."

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No crime on Wall Street?

RE: "YOU! ARE! THE 99 PERCENT!": Brayden Simms' editorial does not make any sense and displays a shocking lack of knowledge of the recent financial turmoil. His implication is that the recent financial crisis is an example of theft. In reality, it came about as a result of misguided government policies almost completely due to government regulations. It is highly irresponsible for Simms to stir hatred by calling these workers criminals for supposedly "stealing national wealth" and suggesting they be prosecuted for these alleged "crimes."
RON SHELTON, MANHATTAN

Do some of the 1 percent perform criminal acts in order to feather their own nests — sure. Yet you ignore the vast number of 1-percenters who each and every year give many of their millions of dollars to charities. Not to mention those who employ millions at fair wages. The freedom this country provides all of us, including the Occupiers, cannot be unlimited. Their right to assemble cannot take precedence over the rights of others.
RON KEHRLI, VIA E-MAIL

Thanks for your thoughtful editorial. Keep telling the truth, shouting if you must, until it finally sinks in. The conservative criminals are starting to really feel the heat. They're terrified that OWS is working!
JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL

Thank you! You cut like a razor. Razors cause pain. Most people would rather be lulled into stupefied mindlessness by Kardashian puppeteers.
MARK NOIR, BROOKLYN

Cain sought wrong advice

I'm glad that Herman Cain is officially suspending his campaign for president. His biggest mistake was not asking President Obama advice on how he handled charges of homosexuality and cocaine use, and Bill and Hillary Clinton on how they handled charges of sexual harassment and even rape.
JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL

Minimum wage stifles jobs

To stimulate job growth, why don't we eliminate the minimum wage law? This law is unconstitutional — it's none of the government's business. There are plenty of businesses that would hire young people if not for the government running interference. Minimum wage laws cause unemployment.
FRANK ST. GEORGE, EAST ROCKAWAY

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** It's one of those unusual days when you could get the recognition you're entitled, which might include a material reward as well as applause.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It pays to be a go-getter in any situation where there is something meaningful at stake. Assertiveness will bring you desirable results.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Appreciate the fact that you do have the power and necessary wherewithal to alter to your liking conditions that aren't going your way. Enhance your advantages whenever you can.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Instead of attempting everything on your own, work in conjunction with others. More goals can be achieved through the power of numbers than through solo efforts alone.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Instead of waiting to be told what to do, you should take the initiative. You have a good eye for seeing what needs to be knocked off first.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When someone in whom you're interested starts looking your way, turn on the charm and do your best to be appealing. The impression you make will be a lasting one.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Working on an assignment where there is plenty of room for reconstruction — be it of a product, method or system — can give you tremendous gratification. Making needed improvements will come easily.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Plenty of surprises may be in store for you concerning your one-on-one relationships. Those who usually aren't too friendly will bend over backward to help you.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A hobby or a sideline in which you're interested has much greater potential for acceptance by the public than you may anticipate. Check out some ways to cash in on what you have to offer.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is a presence about you that adds spark and luster to the social gatherings you choose to grace with your presence. Your charming personality isn't likely to go unnoticed.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because you tend to look out for the welfare of others without being asked, Lady Luck is inclined to favor you.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** For whatever reason, better communication between you and a valued friend is possible, so tell your pal something without fear of misunderstanding.
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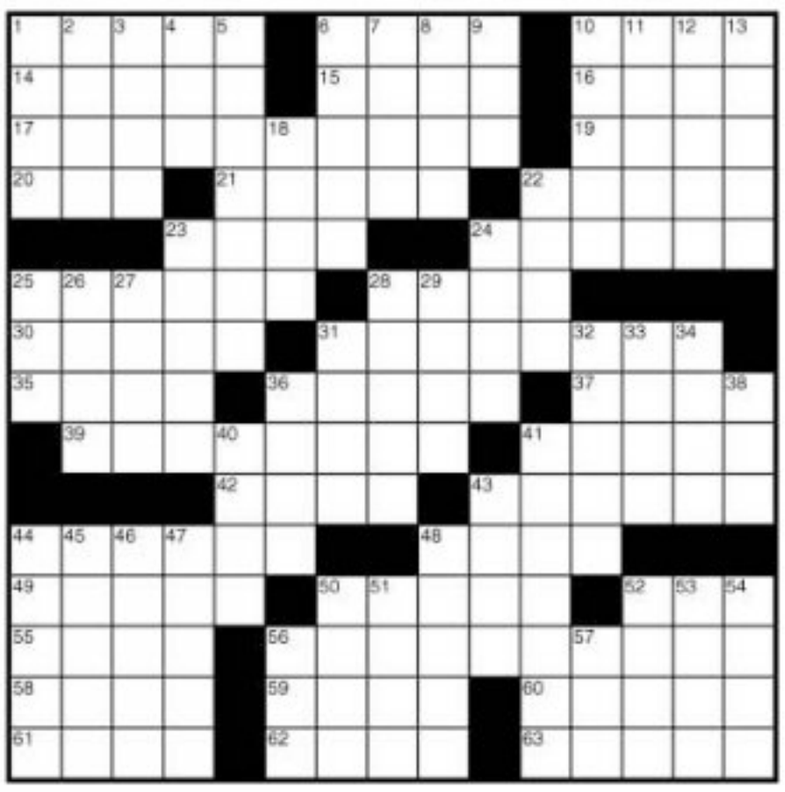

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Solution to weekend crossword

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PACKERS 38 | GIANTS 35 **Up next: at Dallas (7-5)** **Dec. 18: vs. Redskins**

▶ Donald Driver scored what was the go-ahead touchdown at the time with 3:34 left in the fourth quarter.

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Horseshoes and hand grenades

- Giants come about as close to winning as possible, but take no solace
- Drive for tying TD, two-point conversion
- Pack answers with victory FG

Well, at least the Giants didn't quit or play soft, as defensive coordinator Perry Fewell alluded to following last week's loss.

The end result was the same, however, as the Giants fell just shy of ending the Packers' unbeaten season in a thrilling 38-35 loss. Manning and Co. showed their mettle by going 69 yards in nine plays to bring Big Blue within two points of tying the game with 58 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. Manning found Hakeem Nicks for a two-yard touchdown score and little-used running back D.J. Ware converted the game-tying two-point conversion in what looked to be an overtime-inducing situation.

But Aaron Rodgers had other ideas, as he led the Packers on a game-winning drive that spanned three plays, culminating with a 31-yard field goal from Mason Crosby at the final gun.

"No solace in playing well and losing. We are way past that."

TOM COUGHLIN, GIANTS HEAD COACH ON THE LOSS

"We played hard and did a lot of good things, but we didn't win," head coach Tom Coughlin said. "There is no hanging your head; it is a tough business and you have to do the things you have to do to win the game."

Rodgers was his usual stellar self, as he went 28-of-46 for 369 yards, with four touchdowns and one interception. Rodgers spread the ball around to eight different receivers, as the Packers (12-0) have now won 18-straight games.

Manning was just as clutch and efficient in defeat as he went 23-of-40 for 347 yards, with three touchdowns and one interception.

The Giants (6-6) blew a perfect opportunity to regain a share of first place in the NFC East with the Cowboys, as Dallas dropped an overtime road loss to the hapless Cardinals.

TONY WILLIAMS
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What went wrong ...

1 **Championship form** — The Packers showed their championship mettle when they scored with 3:34 remaining when Aaron Rodgers found Donald Driver in the front corner of the end zone and then again on the final, three-play drive that set up the game-winning field goal.

2 **Too many options** — As much as the Giants tried to stay with the defending Super Bowl champs, Green Bay's vast array of receiving weapons proved to be too much. The Giants' pass rush was much better this week, but it still didn't deter the Packers from racking up the receiving yards. The Packers' receivers accounted for 323 yards on 23 catches.

3 **M*A*S*H unit** — The health — or lack thereof — along the Giants' offensive line certainly didn't help Big Blue. Center David Baas (headaches) was a late scratch, which made Kevin Boothe slide over to his spot. David Diehl, who normally plays left guard, was already starting at left tackle for Will Beatty. Mitch Petrus filled in at Diehl's old slot. Even valuable backup Stacy Andrews (blood clots in the lungs) was a late scratch. METRO/TW

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Mayhem reigns in fourth quarter

'Mayhem' Maybin forces sack, fumble as Jets dominate final stanza
Score 21 points in last 4:49 Cincy loss has New York in playoff picture

34	JETS (7-5)
19	REDSKINS (4-8)

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▶ Aaron Maybin got his team-leading sixth sack and forced a fumble in the fourth quarter to start the Jets' 21-point run.

What went right ...

1 Going for it — After the game's opening possession gave the Redskins an early 7-0 lead, it looked like it would be a long afternoon for the Jets. But the offense responded with a touchdown drive that took over nine minutes off the clock. It was highlighted by a John Conner first down on fourth-and-one from the 17.

2 Sanchez limits mistakes — Like he did last week, quarterback Mark Sanchez limited mistakes and didn't have a costly turnover in the game. After throwing more interceptions than touchdowns in Weeks 10 and 11, Sanchez has just one pick in the last two weeks stacked against five touchdowns.

3 Playoff position — The win not only improves the Jets to 7-5, but with the Bengals' 35-7 loss to Pittsburgh, the Jets are suddenly inching their way to a third-straight season of playoff football. There's still work to do, but with the lackluster Chiefs coming to town next week, the Jets are getting the job done when it matters most.

KRISTIAN DYER

What went wrong ...

1 Skins go to Helu — Rookie back Roy Helu was back at it again after a career performance last week in Seattle. On the game's opening drive, Helu had five carries for 32 yards and the game's opening touchdown. He was a battering ram and the only consistent spark to the Washington offense all afternoon

2 Pick that wasn't — Midway through the second quarter, Rex Grossman threw a pass well over Fred Davis into the arms of Brodney Pool who returned it into Redskins territory. But the momentum-changing play was negated by a soft downfield contact call on Donald Strickland.

3 Flag Day — Sloppy play and penalties plagued the Jets all afternoon. All told, the Jets committed six penalties for 40 yards. When it wasn't penalties, it was sloppy play like Jeremy Kerley's muffed punt costing points.

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Tiger finally grabs a win

It took two years — and a broken marriage, fired caddy and new swing coach — but Tiger Woods finally won another tournament.

Woods trailed leader Zach Johnson by one stroke with two holes to play at the Chevron World Challenge, but used some old Tiger magic to earn the victory.

He birdied the final two holes, including a six-footer on No. 18 to clinch the trophy.

Woods hadn't won a tournament since Nov. 15, 2009, at the Australian Masters. In the meantime, he went through a much-publicized cheating scandal and divorce with his wife Elin, fired longtime caddy Steve Williams and dumped swing coach Hank Haney. METRO

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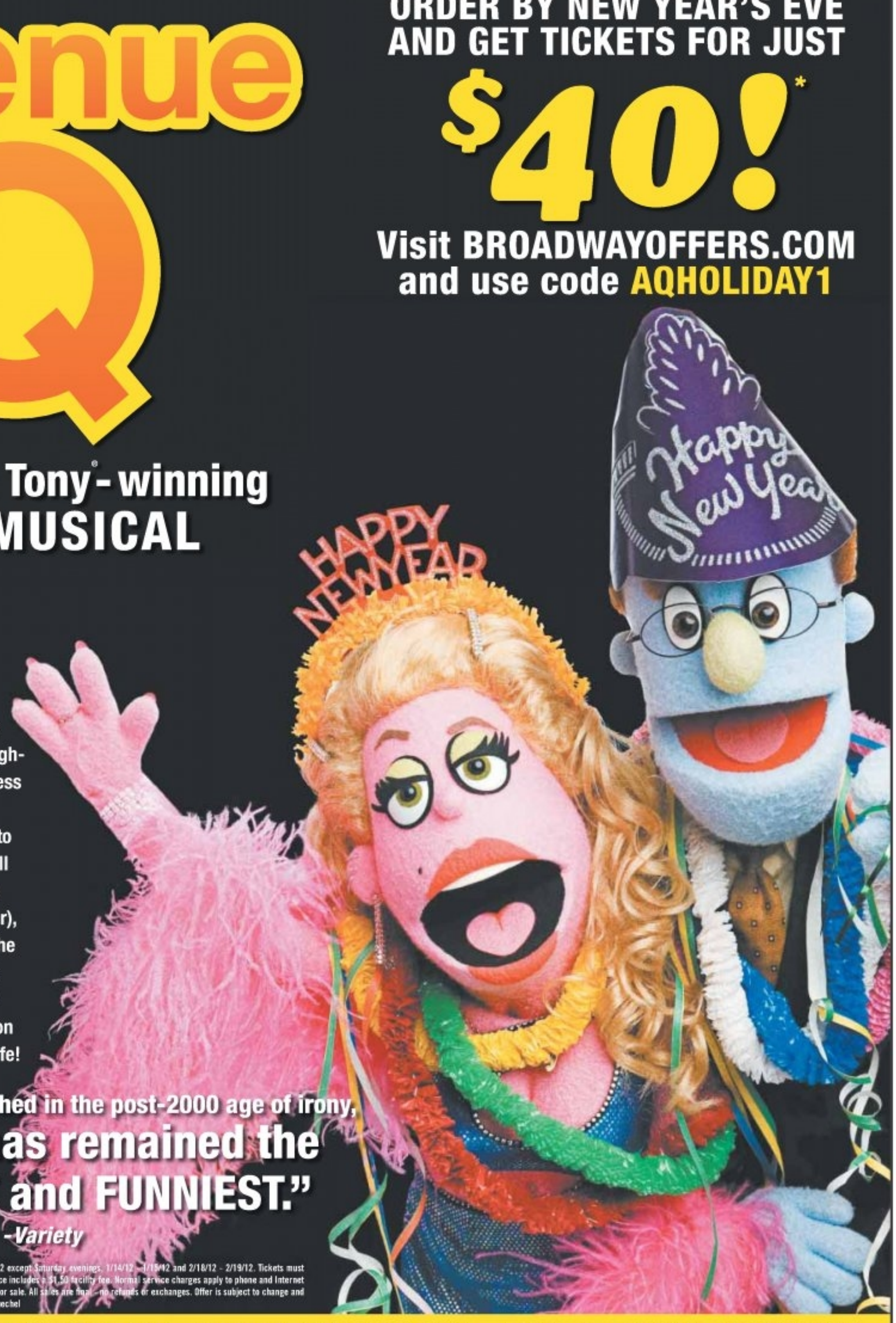

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